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A geographic study of the area affected by the Soviet New Lands Program and its similarity to the high plains area of western Canada and the United States has established that the Soviet successes to date are based on abnormally favorable climatic conditions and an extent of planting that cannot be sustained. Therefore, it has been concluded that the successes are temporary only--a finding which will contribute materially to the accurate evaluation of Soviet strengths and capabilities.

In answer to priority requirements of several intelligence agencies, a map of Moscow was prepared which emphasized detailed identification of streets, buildings, streetcar lines, and similar orientation features. The map has not only contributed to the precision of [REDACTED] reporting related to Moscow, but has permitted the ready identification and surveillance of such key facilities as a guided missile research installation located at No. 228 Leningradskoye Shosse.

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